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S'HAI PEACE ENVOYS RETURN

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**China Reds
May Modify
Alien Policy**

Nanking, March 2.
Foreign observers believe the present stiff Communist policy towards foreigners is likely to improve once a practical government machinery is set up.

Once the new government, generally agreed to be dominated by Chinese Reds, begins to grapple with problems of stability, peace and economic reforms, it probably will realize its mistake in buying the bridge behind.

Observers said today they believed that economic reforms largely depend on the international situation. Of particular importance is the United States whose factory output is in the best position to aid China's recovery.

The news blackout on 17 foreign newsmen in Peiping is a good example of the deep-rooted suspicion of the Communist leaders, who lived in a vacuum for many years without a clear picture of the outside world.

These observers said the best weapon against Chinese Reds' restrictions is world-wide publicity. They believe the Reds will become hyper-sensitive of such should they attempt to negotiate for foreign recognition and assistance.

Reaction in Nanking to the Chinese Red actions appears to be divided three groups:

1. Those who feel the Communists will get still tougher to drive foreign and foreign influences from China. Pointing to the isolation of foreign consulates in Mukden, they say the Chinese Reds had some time ago set up the agencies for dealing with foreigners had they intended.

2. Those feeling that things have moved too far for the Communists, who did not see the Nationalist collapse in North China and Manchuria coming so soon. They feel the new Red-dominated government will not have freedom of religion, speech and press in the Western sense, but nevertheless it will not be all-out totalitarian.

3. Those expecting a Communist harshness similar to the Kuomintang 1927 rise to power when it also was anti-foreign and anti-Christian.

Missionaries are divided. Some for the Reds like the Kuomintang eventually will relax their harshness, and others think they are more systematic and thorough than the Kuomintang and will increase restrictions. — United Press.

HK's Fall Aired In Canada's House

Ottawa, March 2.
Mr. George Drew, Canadian Opposition leader, today released to the press a letter about the fall of Hong Kong which the Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, had refused to disclose in Parliament because it contained information the British Government did not want publicised.

The letter, written by Mr. Drew to Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, former Canadian Prime Minister, after Canada's probe into its fateful expedition to Hong Kong, alleged that:

1. Three days before the expedition sailed on October 27, 1941, Mr. MacKenzie King received a most explicit warning from the British Government of the possibility of early hostilities.

2. There was ample evidence that Britain had no thought of attempting to hold Hong Kong in the event of war with Japan. — Reuter.

POPE PIUS XII'S 73RD BIRTHDAY

Vatican City, March 2.
Pope Pius XII today observed his 73rd birthday and 10th anniversary as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

Official celebration of the Pontiff's elevation to Pope will take place on March 12, the 10th anniversary of his coronation, when a pontifical mass will be read in the Sistine Chapel.

The only event to mark the occasion today was the appearance of a commemorative article summarising the Pope's achievements with his own Latin motto "Following Truth in Charity." — United Press.

Dr. W. W. Yen Declares

Rest Up To Cabinet

GOV'T CHANGE PENDING

Shanghai's three-man non-partisan peace delegation returned here by air from Nanking today after successfully fulfilling its mission of opening the door to formal peace negotiations between Nationalists and Communists.

Headed by the veteran diplomat, Dr. W. W. Yen, the group were welcomed at the airfield by Mayor K. C. Wu, the Chairman of the City Council, Mr. Pan Kung-chang and other local leaders.

Upon alighting from the plane, Dr. Yen, who conferred with the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, and other top-ranking Communists, told reporters that he considered his task completed and the delegation disbanded.

He said that he had told the Communist leaders in Peiping the calamity that would befall the people if the civil war was not ended, and added that he had successfully kicked off the ball of peace and now it is up to the Government to carry it forward.

Before leaving Nanking this morning, the delegation members are believed to have discussed with the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chun, proposals for the nationalisation of China's armies as part of the peace plan with the Communists.

Mr. Shao Li-tse, Nationalist peace delegate who accompanied the Shanghai delegation in an unofficial capacity, announced in Nanking today that the mission of the Shanghai non-partisan delegation in Communist territory has ended.

To Work Again

Whether peace crystallises now in China depends upon the future efforts of the Government. Dr. Shao said.

Whenever the delegates are needed, they will be glad to work again for the people, he added.

Dr. Shao made his statement after the delegation had reported to President Li Tsung-jen and Nationalist leaders in the capital on the recent exchange of views about peace negotiations with the Communists.

Nationalist China is now looking hopefully to the important discussions between the Presidential and provincial leaders for the next move from the Government on the peace chessboard. The consultations began last night at the President's residence and continued today.

Reliable sources said the leaders are discussing not only the next move expected to pave the way for formal peace negotiations, but also what reforms should be immediately introduced in Nationalist China to prepare for peace and political reconstruction.

The Associated Press reports Mr. Shao denied that only the Central Air Transportation would be allowed to resume flights in Peiping from points in Nationalist-held territory.

The Press had reported that the China National Aviation Corporation specifically would not be permitted to resume its Peiping schedule, ostensibly because of its connection with the United States-owned Pan American Airways.

Cabinet Reshuffle

Mr. Shao said the restoration of postal services and communications between Red and Nationalist areas negotiated by the peace mission applied to all air-lines.

Reports that Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet was returning to Nanking and would be re-shuffled were published here today, but confirmation was not available.

One newspaper said the Deputy Premier, General Wu Trichan, would resign and probably would be succeeded by Professor Ku Meng-yu, prominent Kuomintang liberal, who previously declined to accept any post.

If he refuses, the newspaper said, Mr. Liuyang Shao-hsiung, the Acting President's closest adviser, would become deputy to Dr. Sun Fo.

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Gov't Cruiser Not Involved

Nanking, March 2.
The spokesman of the government information office said today the report that the Chinese naval cruiser Chungking was handed over to the Chinese Reds by its officers and crew was erroneous.

He said the ship involved in the surrender was a naval transport, but added he had not the name, size and type of the vessel.

At the same time, he said he had no information regarding the Chungking.

The Naval office spokesman here said he had no information that the former British cruiser Aurora, which was given to China, had been taken to Chefoo by the crew. — United Press.

Shanghai reports said the Cabinet re-shuffle would be partial, and would aim at eliminating unpopular ministers, or those who have been consistently requesting permission to resign.

The latter group is said to include Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Affairs, General Yu Tu-wen, Minister of Communications, Mr. Chen I-tsch-ping, acting Minister of Education, and Mr. Chao Sung, Minister of Justice.

To Reduce Offices

The Associated Press reports from Nanking that besides the appointments of new Ministers, there will be streamlining of Government offices, reduction of personnel and amalgamation of different departments affected according to the retrenchment policy announced by President Li Tsung-jen.

It is believed the Ministry of Food and Social Affairs are likely to be abolished.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that Chinese official circles in Nanking today welcomed the proposed U.S.\$240,000,000 ECA programme for China as the first concrete indication the United States intends to continue active support of the National Government.

Initial reaction of government officials to the Washington report that such a programme was under consideration was the prediction that the proposal would immediately serve to boost Nationalist morale. One official suggested that the disclosure alone of the contemplated programme might strengthen Nanking's bargaining position with the Communists.

An official statement by a government spokesman on the announcement in Washington that the ECA officials had drafted a programme was not forthcoming this afternoon. Details of the programme that would cover the next fiscal year beginning June 30 were awaited.

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Present Programme

The present U.S. \$275,000,000 appropriation for the initial phase of the China programme ending on April 3 is expected to be continued through June 30 from current funds still unexpended.

The Chinese government is known to have submitted at least two general plans for extension of the China programme to ECA Chief Paul Hoffman during his visit to Shanghai last December.

One called for a \$80,000,000 stop-gap programme covering the interim from April 3 to June 30 and the other for \$3,000,000,000 in funds to be allocated over a three-year period beginning next July 1.

The government recently recommended to ECA China Director Roger D. Lapham that \$70,000,000 replacement and reconstruction allocation of the present programme be unfrozen particularly for projects affecting Formosa and South China railroads. Hoffman suspended that programme except for a pre-project engineering on December 21 because of the icy water. — Hoffman was suspended by the Russians for political reasons.

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In Red China

The question of whether it will be possible to continue such projects in Communist China as those which fall under the joint commission for rural reconstruction has not yet been decided.

Decision on the Communist side seems to hinge on whether the Red leaders consider the economic value to be gained from continuation of these projects is worth the political capital in terms of goodwill to be gained by the United States.

There is a sharp division of opinion among American officials as to the advisability of proposing an ECA programme for Red China should such a programme prove acceptable to the Communists, who are hopelessly committed to a close alliance with Russia. In opposition to the United States, the other believes that the proper type of American assistance might succeed somewhat in winning Chinese Reds away from Moscow and retain the great body of goodwill towards the United States built up in China during the last decade.

Colonel M.P. Echoes, SCAP's public information officer, said it is not yet known where Barashkov will go to live. Thus for the army he stated only that he is being resettled.

The fugitive previously stated he wants to devote his life to exposing living and political conditions in Russia, but today Colonel Echoes did not throw much light on the Russian's future. Asked what Barashkov would do for a living, the colonel said that depends on where Barashkov goes.

Asked if Barashkov would be supported, and by whom, Colonel Echoes replied: "He is being sup-

Colony Assured Of Water For 4 Months

At the present rate of consumption, Hong Kong's fresh water supply is sufficient for the next four months, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

The Colony's present storage of fresh water in all reservoirs amount to approximately 3,300,000,000 gallons.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that the amount is sufficient to last 120 days. The average daily consumption

— restrictions were imposed on December 1 between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily—was about 32,000,000 gallons.

Since the imposition of the restrictions, there has been a reduction of about 30 per cent.

The spokesman ruled out the possibility of further restrictions being imposed. He said that additional restrictions would be necessary only in the event of a greater influx of people into the Colony.

The spokesman added that the public should try their best not to waste water. Leaks and defective taps should be reported to the authorities concerned. Only authorised plumbers should be allowed to repair such defects.

Second Russian Seeks Haven By Paddling Raft To Japan Isle

Tokyo, March 2.
A second Russian, Innokentiy Zyryanov, aged 24, has made his way to American occupation authorities, seeking a haven.

Zyryanov paddled 30 miles on a home-made raft from Kunashiri Island, 30 miles North East of Hokkaido, fighting off fierce seals in the icy water. The trip was made last September.

Authoritative sources said there was no connection between Zyryanov and Sergeant Vladimir Barashkov, Red airman whose flight to Japan last November was revealed yesterday.

Zyryanov, it was learned, asked American authorities to keep him out of Russian custody. He said he escaped to avoid racial persecution. Zyryanov's father was Japanese and his mother Russian. Both, he said, were killed by the Russians for political reasons.

Zyryanov served as a telephone lineman in the Red Army in Siberia, Sakhalin and the Kuriles during the war. He remained as a civilian on Kunashiri Island—the closest Russian-held point to occupied Japan.

Meanwhile, the United Press reported that the Soviet sergeant, Vladimir Barashkov, who stole a plane and flew to Japan with his wife, has stated only that he is being resettled.

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"We hope the police will have no objection to our project, as it will help prevent robberies, and contribute to the maintenance of law and order," said a promoter to the "China Mail" when asked whether police consent had been sought.

"If our scheme proves a success, shopkeepers in other districts may follow our example," he said.

USSR MOVES TO MATCH NORTH ATLANTIC PACT WITH OWN ALLIANCE

Prague, March 2.
The Cominform may be getting ready to hatch a military alliance to match the North Atlantic pact.

Reports from Poland said a Cominform military conference has been called for about March 13 in Hungary. Reliable sources in Warsaw were quoted as saying the defence chiefs of the Eastern European countries were expected to review their military preparations.

The announced purpose of the Cominform (Communist International Information Bureau) is limited to propaganda. It is an organisation of the Communist parties of Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, France and Italy and was organized to fight the Marshall Plan and U.S. imperialism.

A little more than a month ago, however, a parallel economic organisation, the Economic Council for Mutual Aid (ECMA), was formed by Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia all of the Cominform countries except France and Italy, where non-Communist governments are in power, and Yugoslavia, which has been expelled.

At that time, it was predicted by some observers that a parallel military organisation also would be formed.

The Cominform satellites already are linked with Moscow in a series of mutual assistance treaties. These treaties lack the all-embracing character of a general alliance. They pledge mutual assistance only in event of war with Germany or a power joined directly or indirectly with Germany.

The three demands, which the ultimatum, containing three demands, expires at 12 noon today. If the demands are not met by then, the workers involved propose to go on strike. They belong to the Hong Kong and Kowloon Dairy Employees Union, which claims to have more than 500 members.

A clear military alliance, it is presumed, would be proclaimed as a defensive measure in keeping with Moscow's avowals of peaceful intentions. In effect, it would be no evidence of a hardening of attitude in this part of the world.

The armies of the Eastern European nations are now modelled politically and militarily on the Soviet pattern. Their leaders have announced they would stand beside the Soviet Army in any fight.

The biggest task of any Cominform alliance would be to integrate or standardise weapons, ammunition and equipment.

If such standardisation could be attained, the Soviet Union would have important frontline shock troops along her western borders to help defend Russia. — Associated Press.

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FURTHER EVIDENCE IN PWD LARCENY TRIAL

Further evidence of electrical jobs done by PWD men at Pokfulam and at Lowbridge Shackleton & Company of Prince's Building, was given yesterday at the PWD larceny trial by several Crown witnesses.

Among them were Dr. G. H. Thomas, Deputy Director of Medical Services, for whom the Pokfulam job was done, and H. Heitneyer, manager of Lowbridge Shackleton and Company.

Accused are Kwok, Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade I, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with three counts of larceny by public servant, and three counts of falsification or documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, is conducting the prosecution assisted by Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. D. G. Macpherson, Assistant Superintendents of Police. Kwok Kwong is not legally represented and is conducting his own defence. Arthur May is being defended by Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, J. C. Brown, Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer of the PWD, who had given evidence the day before, was re-examined by Mr. Hooton, Crown Counsel, at yesterday's start of hearing.

The next witness was J. Watson, Acting Controller of Stores on August 14, 1948, who said in evidence that he was appointed on August 14 to act as chairman of a Board of Survey held at the PWD Hung Hom workshop.

The investigations there took two days. Mr. Johnson of the Anti-Corruption Branch represented the police, he said, while Mr. Inverey was observer for the PWD.

Kwok Kwong was also present throughout the survey, he added. Watson went on to state that the Board proceeded to take a list of all items in the workshop stores. Few estimated job order sheets were produced, he said, but they were of no value for checking stores on hand.

In addition to estimated job order sheets there were produced inventories of plant machinery, tools and furniture. These items were checked, witness said, and a few discrepancies were found.

Scattered Around

In the store-room proper, Watson continued, his first impression was that the stores were put item by item in rather systematic fashion, but later as they proceeded with the survey, items were found scattered around rather haphazardly.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clifford, witness disclosed he was appointed by the Colonial Secretary as chairman of the Board of Survey.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Acting Director of Medical Services during July last year, stated in the witness stand that he owned some houses at Pokfulam, which were his personal property.

The houses, Dr. Thomas continued, at the time were not ready for electrical work, and he himself did not take any active steps for it to be done. However, he said, when May, who was a personal friend of his, called at his office one afternoon to discuss various subjects, he asked May if he could help him to recommend someone who could do some electrical work in his houses.

Continuing, witness said that May told him he knew someone who could do the job. May further said he would consult a contractor and let witness know. When he had things arranged he would go out and visit the premises. May is alleged to have said.

Questioned further, Dr. Thomas admitted that apart from the first time May went over to Pokfulam, he never visited the place again.

Unaware

Counsel then asked if in the event of witness finding out that those employed had been Government employees working in their spare time he would have paid them individually for their spare time. Witness replied that had he been aware that the job was to be done by Government men, he would not have agreed to it.

Questioned further by Counsel, Dr. Thomas recalled May's willingness to help all during the Japanese occupation and what he did for himself and others. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, witness mentioned, further told him that May could be counted upon.

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Two or three days afterwards, Heitneyer went on, a bill was received for \$70. This was paid accordingly about the end of July.

Heitneyer revealed under cross-examination that when he thanked May later on for his suggestion, "May said, 'You don't have to thank me.'

He further disclosed that on the day he gave evidence in the

trial he had given evidence in the Lower Court he bought from an outside contractor two similar lights to replace the ones taken by the police from his office.

The bill for these lights, he said, was \$2.

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Better Traffic Control Devices Now Under Way

Construction of modern devices for better traffic control in the Colony is under way now in pursuance of the long-term programme of the Traffic Department.

Traffic lanes along Nathan Road will be marked out for double-space parking on both sides of the road. Two lanes will be for slow-moving vehicles and two for faster transport.

Regular breaks in the island, measuring three feet high and four feet wide, to be raised to six feet by shrubs planted on top, will control crossing by pedestrians.

"We have been studying traffic control all over the world and are adopting methods appropriate for the local conditions," said G. D. Blinstead, Superintendent, Central Traffic Branch, said in an interview yesterday.

Median strips have accomplished a physical separation between opposing streams of traffic, eliminating head-on collisions, reducing the hazard of glue in night driving, making mid-block "U" turns impossible and encouraging Jay walking.

It is part of the long-term programme of the Department to introduce safer and modern traffic control devices as new roads are built or repaired thus reducing traffic accidents considerably.

"There has been a lot of talk about cutting down the trees in Kowloon to put the double-decker buses on the road; but we have no intention of doing so," Mr. Blinstead stated.

Instead, the beauty of Kowloon topography will be enhanced by the construction of the four-foot wide median island with hibiscus shrubs growing on it.

Safe Parking

Several lanes will be marked out to provide safe parking and travelling on Nathan Road.

Lanes will be drawn 12 feet away from the kerb on both sides. This will serve as a guide to the double-deckers to avoid friction with the trees which stretch out from the kerb to as far as 10 feet.

Next to the parking space there will be a lane for slow-moving traffic, like bicycles, rickshaws and tricycles. Then on the outer side it will be open for ordinary vehicles, proceeding at normal speed. The width between the parking line and the island will be about 30 feet.

The lanes will also prevent wavy traffic, thus further protecting pedestrians from being caught in between.

To cross a road, the pedestrian will have to go along a marked lane through a break in the median island. At cross-roads, he will be protected by a smaller island on the outer side.

Buses will be marked out in between the parking spaces for the double-deckers and ordinary buses to pick up or drop off passengers.

As a start, the median island is being built from Middle Road to Salary Road. This will be lengthened to Gascoigne Road. Eventually, it will run through Nathan Road.

To Slow Down

Along Prince Edward Road, however, wider islands are being built for the same purpose.

Explaining why Kowloon has wide islands at cross-roads, Mr. Blinstead said it was necessary to slow down traffic to enable

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Macao Aeradio Station To Guide Planes

An aeradio station has been established at Macao to enable point-to-point contact to be maintained by planes flying between the Portuguese Colony and Hong Kong.

The installation of the station is a result of the recommendations by Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Hong Kong Director of Civil Aviation, in his report on the Catalina flying-boat crash off Macao in July last.

The centre of the road will be left free to Eastbound traffic (which has totalled as much as 50,000 vehicles in six hours), and cars will park on either side as is now done in front of the Supreme Court.

The trees will be removed between 7 a.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. on Monday.

Inquiry Into Boy's Death At Kowloon

The death of a boy who suffered from burns as a result of an explosion at the Shamshui Po Police Station and died later was the subject of an inquiry held by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector Douglas Taylor conducted the inquiry.

Detective Lau Yau said that on December 9 last year he went to No. 21-25 Hing Wah Street as a result of a fire. There he saw a girl on the roof and flying with his clothing on fire. He got hold of a bucket of water and poured it over the boy. He then wrapped the boy up in a blanket.

Dr. Wong Tak-hon said that the boy died of shock resulting from burning of the surface of the body.

Funeral Of Mr. H.C. Stewart

A funeral service for Mr. Hugh C. Stewart, one of the victims of a two-engined Catalina flying boat crash three miles East of Macao on July 16, 1948, was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

The service was officiated by Rev. Father Maracetti.

The chief mourners were his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Elliott, and his uncle, Mr. T. H. R. Hance.

Other present were Mr. and Mrs. T. Shields, Mrs. E. Edmond, Mr. E. C. Sticker, Mr. E. Germer, Mr. A. M. Henning, Mr. A. Brinkhoff, Mr. Helmstelling, Mr. J. A. Anderson and family, Mr. S. E. Van Nostrand, Mr. P. McDonnell and Mr. R. P. Smith.

Wreaths were sent by the Texas Company (China) Ltd., Uncle Julian and Aunt Eddie, Jimmy, Madeline and family, Uncle Bob, Mumme, Pat, Ian and Romie, Frank, Kay, Duggle and Susan.

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Messrs. M. Hartmark, Techen Chouen-king, Techeou Li and Pan Song-wei arrived in the Colony yesterday from Saigon by Air France.

Messrs. J. Daubas, M. Gibson, R.B. Landis, Sem Olsen and Li Chen left Hong Kong for Paris yesterday by Air France.

Mr. Icko Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Roux, Mrs. Marie Cochlin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herbart, and the Reverend Fathers Charles Montillon and Antoine Rousset left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Schaer, Mrs. E.A. Griffiths, Messrs. W.H.M. Watson, J.T. Inskip, J.R. Long, S. Bergstrom, D.H. Sigal, S.C. Ming, E. Nilson, E.R. Eastman, and T. Fieldman.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Bruck, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Rosch, Messrs. F.J. Moore, R. Leonard, M. Renard, J.B. Dewhurst, W.B. Connors, C. Jon, Otto Premlinger, Philip Dunn, K.W. Swaine, T.P. Wang, A.J. Skorko, E.H. Poller, and J. Turner.

The wedding took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry Office yesterday of Mr. William Lyne Ross, clerk of 10 King's Terrace, and Miss Lau In-ling, of 8A Wing Fung Street, in the presence of Mr. James Kon and Mr. A. Ribeiro.

Shan did not know he was cut-

The bulkheads prevent undesirable elements from gaining access to the control cabin. Regarding the CNAC Sky-master crash on Basalt Island in December, the spokesman said that the report by the Inspector of Air Accidents has been completed. The signature of the Chief of the Chinese Aerostation to the report is needed before it is submitted to the Governor.

Student Fined \$10,000 For Carrying Drug

For doing a favour for his classmate by taking two tins, said to contain biscuits and sweets but actually full of heroin, to Canton, Chen Chick-a, a student aged 20, was fined \$10,000 or a year's imprisonment with hard labour.

Chen was charged at Kowloon yesterday with possessing 10 ounces of heroin.

Revenue Officer Knox, conducting the prosecution, told the court that during a routine search of Canton-bound passengers at the Kowloon railway station on February 15, Revenue Officer Lee asked the defendant whether he had anything to declare. The defendant answered no.

RC Lee then searched defendant's luggage including the tins. He was asked what were the contents of the tins. He said they contained biscuits and sweets. The revenue officer found seven packs of heroin which weighed 10 ounces.

Appearing for the defence, Mr. S.C. Lau told the court that his client was a student. He came to the colony on February 14 from Canton to purchase some foreign goods which were not obtainable in Canton, and he planned to return to Canton on the following day.

On the day of his arrival, he met Weg Char-Hoi, a classmate. Since Chen was returning to Canton on the following day, Weg asked him to bring a message to Canton.

On February 15, he gave him two tins, which Chen said contained biscuits and sweets.

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Col. Ride Sworn In As Defence Chief

Colonel L. T. Ride, Commandant of the new Hong Kong Defence Force, was formally sworn in as a recruit at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday.

He informed the Press that all recruits for the Force would have to go through the same procedure, after they had been screened and passed by the security officials.

No Affront To Attorney Is Intended

On February 18, when the case against three employees of the Lea Taf Company of Shatin came before Mr. Scholes at Kowloon the question of fixing dates was argued.

British subjects would be sworn in, while those of other nationalities could make a declaration to serve instead, as not to alienate their own national status.

Swearing in or making declarations could be done before Major Pugh, Adjutant of the Defence Force, who is a Justice of the peace, or before any other Justice of the peace.

This procedure, explained Colonel Ride, conformed with that in practice in the British Army and the Territorial Army at home.

Makes Choice

Once a recruit has signed his attestation form, he is posted to the Force Depot, where he undergoes preliminary training. Then he would make his choice of the branch of the services desired—the Navy, the Air Force or the Hong Kong Regiment.

Training would follow after the recruits have been posted from the Depot to the different components of the Force.

In reply to questions, Colonel Ride said though a recruit may sign up for, say, four years, he is at liberty to resign on leaving the Colony before the term expires. It is only when the Force is mobilised that no resignation is allowed.

Asked if he was satisfied with the response to the call for volunteers, the Commandant said he was.

A good many people had not yet responded because they were not quite sure how they would stand in the new organisation after joining up, and he had answered a number of enquiries from such people, said Colonel Ride.

Registrations for the other services totalled 300 up to yesterday. Most of them were for the Special Constabulary which would not come under the Commandant but the Commissioner of Police.

"I can assure Mr. Lau that no affront or disrepute was intended. The Court's object was to avoid longer adjournments than were necessary. It is considered that long adjournments and delays in the hearing of cases which leads to a congestion of cases is undesirable, and that the Court should endeavour to hear cases expeditiously which is to the advantage of justice, the witnesses, the parties and all concerned."

"As I have said, no disrepute in any way was intended towards Mr. Lau. I see Mr. Lau is not in Court, but I shall ask my clerk to convey the Court's remarks to Mr. Lau."

The defendants in this case were Chu Cheuk-yan, aged 34, Chu Cheuk-yeo, aged 24 and Wu Tak-wong, aged 20.

They faced two charges of conspiracy to defraud, two of obtaining money by false pretences and two of falsification of a document with intent to defraud.

Au Shiu, aged 29, was charged before Mr. A.D. Scholes of Kowloon yesterday with possessing 20 tablets of opium.

The defendant was arrested on Tuesday at Gascoigne Road, Kowloon.

The case was remanded until Saturday. Defendant was offered half of \$7,000.

Mr. C.A. Russ appeared for the defence.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th March to 17th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

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Many people were killed or injured in the worst storms of the winter. The Berlin airlift was halted.

The 1,955-ton Polish freighter Katowice, sank off Terschelling, Holland, but the Dutch lifeboat Brandaris rescued all her crew of 20.

The Canadian steamer *Winnipeg*, bound for Kurashiki, grounded and broke up on the Sorelles Rocks, Turkey. The crew are reported to be safe.

The Dutch tug Noord Holland took off three men, injured by huge waves, from the 1,838-ton Swedish steamer C.A. Banck, and the 4,000-ton Norwegian freighter Hoyanger, both in distress off Ijmuiden. Fourteen men were removed from the C.A. Banck later reported safe—leaving six of the crew on board. The Hoyanger continued under her own steam.

The men had been knocked down by tremendous waves crashing over the ship. The C.A. Banck was driven ashore at Bloemendaal.

The Harwich-Hook of Holland boat, which could not enter the harbour this morning because of the storm, has now docked.

Ships Drifting

The Danish steamer Karenstoff (2,230 tons) signals that she is drifting towards the coast of Vlieland, in the Frisian Islands, and another Danish vessel, the Astra Orwu (not listed in Lloyd's) is reported anchored near the Oster Ems buoy, but drifting.

Another Dutch tug, the Scheide, went to assist the 1,750-ton Finnish steamer Tankar, adrift in the gale. The Tankar later entered Flushing Harbour under her own steam. She comes from Kokkaja.

It is reported that the Karenstoff, with badly damaged hatches, is being taken to Terschelling by a Dutch tug. Attempts will then be made to tow the vessel to Malmö, but drifting.

Two Danish ships—the 97-ton motor vessel Mary Ann and the 1,058-ton steamer Emanuel—are aground in Danish waters. A salvage ship is rushing to the rescue of the Mary Ann in a heavy snowstorm.

The river Thames overflowed its banks in many points today as 70 miles per hour winds piled

Rank Studio Closes Down.

London, March 1. Britain's film industry crisis reached a new stage today when the big Rank group announced that it intended to close down its Gainsborough Studios at Shepherd's Bush, London, employing 500 workers. The group, a £60 million film "empire" controlled by Mr. J. Arthur Rank, said it has decided to concentrate production in

the two major studios at Elstree and Pinewood, Buckinghamshire.

The resulting dismissals will add to the lengthening roll on the books of the film workers' union, the National Association of Theatrical and Kiné Employees, whose secretary, Mr. Tom O'Brien, recently said: "The industry is in a terrible mess." Mr. Rank himself has said he believes the crisis can be solved within 12 months, and that Britain has won the battle for a substantial share of the world's screen from the American monopoly. The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, has promised that the Cabinet will investigate the situation.—Reuter.

Families Trapped

In Halifax, Yorkshire, a woman was killed when the roof of her home fell in, and in the Midlands town of Birmingham, several people were injured by blown-down chimneys, ceilings and hoardings. A 10-foot chimney crashed through the roof of a Glasgow tenement, sweeping away three landings and the entire stairway of the building, trapping six families in their rooms.

Snow blizzards in Aberdeen have halted motorists and the sowing of oats.

Germany four were killed and six seriously injured when the brick wall of a building fell through the first storey roof of an antique shop on Friedrich Ebert Strasse, Frankfurt's main shopping street.

A woman was killed in the collapse of another Frankfurt building.

At least 10 damaged structures collapsed in other sections of Frankfurt, headquarters city of the American occupation forces. Among the injured are several school children.

Collapsing ruins killed 10 persons in Cologne, one in Essen and one in Kassel.—Reuter and Associated Press.

All accused were charged with membership of a secret anarchist Labour Federation.

The group was said to have secretly crossed from France into Spain several times to set up provincial committees.

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At the end of June, 1940, the Chiefs of Staff, through General Ismay, had suggested to me at the Cabinet that I should visit the threatened sectors of the East and South coasts. Accordingly I devoted a day or two every week to this agreeable task, sleeping when necessary in my train, where I had every facility for carrying on my regular work and was in constant contact with Whitehall:

I inspected the Tyne and the Humber and many possible landing places. The Canadian Division, soon to be reinforced to a corps by the division sent to Iceland, did an exercise for me in Kent. I examined the landward defences of Harwich and Dover. One of my earliest visits was to the 3rd Division, commanded by General Montgomery, an officer whom I had not met before. My wife came with me. The 3rd Division was stationed near Brighton. It had been given the highest priority in re-equipping, and had been about to sail for France when the French resistance ended.

General Montgomery's headquarters were at Lancing College, near which he showed me a small exercise of which the central feature was a flanking movement of Bren gun-carriers, of which he could at that moment only muster seven or eight. After this we drove together along the coast through Shoreham and Hove till we came to the familiar Brighton front, of which I had so many schoolboy memories.

In fact, the word is going round that the Chinese Communists are proving the exception to the rule. They do not seem to be dominated by Moscow. After taking over, they have not massacred and burned and purged. They see the importance of trading with countries overseas, and protect the foreigner's property. China is so different, so individualistic. It couldn't happen here, not when they saw what happened to Shanghai. And so on.

Well, perhaps it is all true, but it would be most unwise to take these indications at their face value. Certainly the Communists must have trade with other countries, and probably always will, but sooner or later this will be conducted solely by government monopolies, as in Russia, and so will internal industry and commerce. When that time comes, foreign business men need not expect to retain their holdings.

It is of course possible that a number of years may pass before the new rulers of China feel themselves capable of conducting their economy alone, and overseas interests may therefore be protected for some time to come. It is obvious, however, that this will be only a temporary respite, the local Communists having learned from the lessons of early Bolshevik mistakes. After 1917 in Russia the elimination of private enterprise was carried out with ruthless zeal. Production fell seriously, and it was decided to revive capitalism partially. Many people thought the old system had come back to stay, but as soon as its exponents had served their purpose a few years later, they were liquidated.

China may indeed be "different," but it is impossible for any student of Communism to believe that it ever deviates from its purpose for very long. It will modify and improvise and pretend not to exist, but it never loses sight of its goal. If China tried to put into practice a basically non-Marxist form of Communism, can anyone believe that Moscow would permit the regime to continue?

Certainly we should trade with North China, but it is well to know the type of people with whom we have to deal.

Havana, March 1.
State for War recommended that General Brooke should replace General Ironside in command of our Home Forces. On July 19, in the course of my constitutional inspection of the invasion sectors, I visited the Southern Command. Some sort of tactical discussion was presented to me in which no agent Communists—Reuter.

fewer than 12 tanks (!) were able to participate.

New Forces

All the afternoon I drove with General Brooke, who commanded this front. His record stood high. Not only had he fought the decisive flank-battle near Xpres during his command in Dunkirk, but

he had acquitted himself with singular firmness and dexterity in circumstances of unimaginable difficulty and confusion, when in command of the new forces we had sent to France during the first three weeks of June.

I also had a personal link with Alan Brooke through his two gallant brothers—the friends of my early military life. These connections and memories did not decide my opinion on the grave matter of selection; but they formed a personal foundation upon which my unbroken wartime association with Alan Brooke was maintained and ripened.

We were four hours together in the motor-car on this July afternoon, 1940, and we seemed to be in agreement on the methods of Home Defence. After the necessary consultations with others, I approved the Secretary of State for War's proposal to place Brooke in command of the Home Forces in succession to General Ironside. Ironside accepted his retirement with the soldierly dignity which on all occasions characterised his actions.

During the invasion menace for a year and a half Brooke

had been a great service to the Admiralty. You can ascertain the hour from the Admiralty. I was so glad to hear that you were making all preparations for the unloading, reception and distribution of these ships. At least 100,000 ought to reach the troops this very night, or in the small hours of the following morning.

Special trains should be used to distribute them and the ammunition according to a plan worked out beforehand exactly, and directed from the landing-port by some high officer thoroughly acquainted with it. It would seem likely that you would emphasise early distribution to the coastal districts, so that all the Home Guard in the danger areas should be the first served. Perhaps you would be good enough to let me know beforehand what you decide.

Horset's Nest

When the ships from America approached our shores with their precious arms, special trains were waiting in all the ports to receive their cargoes. The Home Guard in every county, in every town, in every village, sat up all through the nights to receive them. Men and women worked night and day making them fit for use. By the end of July we were an armed nation so far as parachute or airborne landings were concerned. We had become a "hornet's nest."

Anyhow, if we had to go down fighting (which I did not anticipate), a lot of our men and some women had weapons in their

hiding the Straits to our warships but also of commanding the shortest route across them.

The orders which I had given in June for arming the Dover garrison with guns that could fire across the Channel had borne fruit, though not on the same scale. I took a personal interest in the whole of this business.

I visited Dover several times in these anxious summer months. In the Citadel, of the Castle large underground galleries and chambers had been cut in the chalk, and there was a wide balcony from which on clear days the shores of France, now in the hands

of the enemy, could be seen.

A Child

Admiral Ramsay, who commanded, was a son of mine. He was the son of a colonel of the 4th Hussars under whom I had served in my youth, and I had often seen him as a child on the Barrack Square at Aldershot. When three years before the war he had resigned his position as Clerk of the Staff to the Home Fleet through a difference with its Commander-in-Chief, it was to me that he had come to seek advice. I had long talks with him, and together with the Dover Fortress Commander visited our rapidly improving defences.

At the month of July and August passed without any disaster; we settled ourselves down with increasing assurance that we could make a long and hard fight. Our gains of strength were borne in upon us from day to day. The entire population laboured to the last limit of its strength, and felt rewarded when they fell asleep after their toll or vigil by a growing sense that we should have time and that we should win. All the beaches now bristled with defences of various kinds. The whole country was organised in defensive localities. The factories poured out their weapons. By the end of each month we had over 200 new tanks! The fruits of the American "Act of Faith" had been gathered.

Live Or Die

The whole trained professional British Army and its Territorial comrades drilled and exercised from morn till night, and longed to meet the foe. The Home Guard overcame the million mark, and when rifles were lacking grasped lustily the shotgun, the sporting rifle, the private pistol, or, when there was no firearm, the pike and the club. No Fifth Column existed in Britain, though a few spies were carefully rounded up and examined. What few Communists there were lay low. Everyone else gave all they had to give.

When Ribbentrop visited Rome in September he said to Ciano: "The English territorial defence is non-existent. A single German division will suffice to bring about a complete collapse." This merely shows his ignorance. I have often wondered, however, what would have happened if 200,000 German storm-troops had actually established themselves ashore.

The massacre would have been on both sides grim and great. There would have been neither mercy nor quarter. They would have used Terror, and we were prepared to go all lengths. I intended to use the slogan "You can always take one with you." I even calculated that the horrors of such a scene would in the last resort turn the scale in the United States.

But none of these emotions was put to the proof. Far out on the grey waters of the North Sea and the Channel courses and patrolled the faithful, eager destroyers peering through the night. High in the air soared the fighter pilots, or waited seven at a moment's notice around their excellent machines.

Good Morning!

A correspondent criticised the inadequate bus services in Kowloon. In his opinion, it could at least have been arranged for them to sweep past the stops in pairs.

The law someone is trying to introduce in America to ban public opinion polls will probably be declared unconstitutional. On the other hand, it might be all right for Congress to enact an excess-profits tax.

Our errant printers again. "Too Colony's Welsh community..." The heel of Achilles?

And then they turned to the "mortal memory" of St. David. Looks as if our days are numbered.

"Hard boil as many eggs as you need. Bounce them lightly against the door to crack the shells." Advice in a syndicated feature.

Right. Give us one of those eggs, honey, and stand clear.

An American has won a wager by hanging to a rope with one hand for two hours. There was no particular reason for this; he just found himself at a loose end.

It seems definite that the U.S. will continue to reduce the strength of her armed forces in China. Not, no Marines for Mao to protect him from the Communists?

Conjugation of the verb "UNDO." Undo. Undo. Undo. They want's.

An attractive girl and a plain, middle-aged spinster were waiting for a taxi the other evening. "Have a cigarette," said the girl. "What, smoke in public?" exclaimed the woman. "Why, I'd sooner kiss the first man who came down the street." "So would I," said the girl, "but have a cigarette while you're waiting."

Merely for Bob Hope to put in an appearance at the London Palladium, huge sums have been offered. Money for old hope?



"This Yankee power stuff for the navy may be the goods—but give me grog any day!"

This was a time when it was really good to live or die.

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DUTCH TO GO AHEAD ON INDONESIA PLAN

Hague Conference With Or Without Republicans TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY

Batavia, March 1.

The Netherlands Government will be prepared to postpone The Hague Conference beyond the announced date—March 12—but only for reasons which are really valid, Dr. Louis Beel, Dutch Royal Commissioner in Indonesia, declared here today.

He said the round-table conference will take place even without Republican participation. The Republicans have not yet replied to the invitation to attend the talks, he added.

"It is the intention of The Netherlands Government to transfer full and complete sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia, which will be a Federal, democratic State in every respect."

"One condition will be that the Constitution of the future United States of Indonesia should be in conformity with the Statute proposed for the Netherlands-Indonesian Union." No publicity will be given on the points discussed, or partial agreements reached.

Tomorrow the delegations will study the United Nations proposals, and a second meeting will be held on Thursday at the public studio here.

Today's meeting was at a cliff-top post on Lebaran territory, about a mile North of the town. After the meeting, the Israeli delegation had a private two and a half hours' discussion with the United Nations delegation on the armistice proposals.

Armistice negotiations between Israel and Transjordan also started in Rhodes today with preliminary discussions between Dr. Ralph Bunche and the individual delegations.

The Israeli delegation arrived today from Tel-Aviv. The Transjordan delegation arrived yesterday.

In today's talks Dr. Bunche is believed to have tentatively discussed the agenda with both sides.

Formal meetings are expected to open tomorrow, a United Nations spokesman said.—Reuter.

PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT BERLIN

London, March 1. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will visit Germany from March 4 to 7, to inspect the British arrangements for the Berlin airlift, it was officially announced tonight.

The announcement added that Mr. Attlee will visit Berlin itself as well as the airfields and other establishments in the British Zone on which the operation is based.

Mr. Attlee will leave Norfolk Airport, near London, on Friday.

The Prime Minister's visit is being made expressly to see the Berlin airlift as a gesture of appreciation of the work being done on this operation.

He will be accompanied by Lord Henderson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for Germany. Other Ministers may visit Germany later.

Russian Interest

German sources in close touch with Soviet Headquarters in Berlin report that Mr. V. S. Semenov, political adviser to Marshal Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, went into conference with his chief at his Potsdam home soon after receiving the news of Mr. Attlee's coming visit.

Mr. Attlee's last visit to Berlin was in July, 1945, which as leader of the Opposition, he

FRANCO-SWEDISH TRADE PACT

Paris, March 1.

France and Sweden will shortly sign a 42,000 million francs trade agreement, a French Foreign Office communiqué said today. Sweden will supply France with 27,000 million francs worth of paper and rayon pulp, cellulose, timber, pit props, matches, steel ball-bearings and mining and agricultural equipment.

France will send Sweden an equal value in wines and spirits, agricultural and colonial products, chemical products, glass, iron and steel, textiles, motor cars and electrical equipment.—Reuter.

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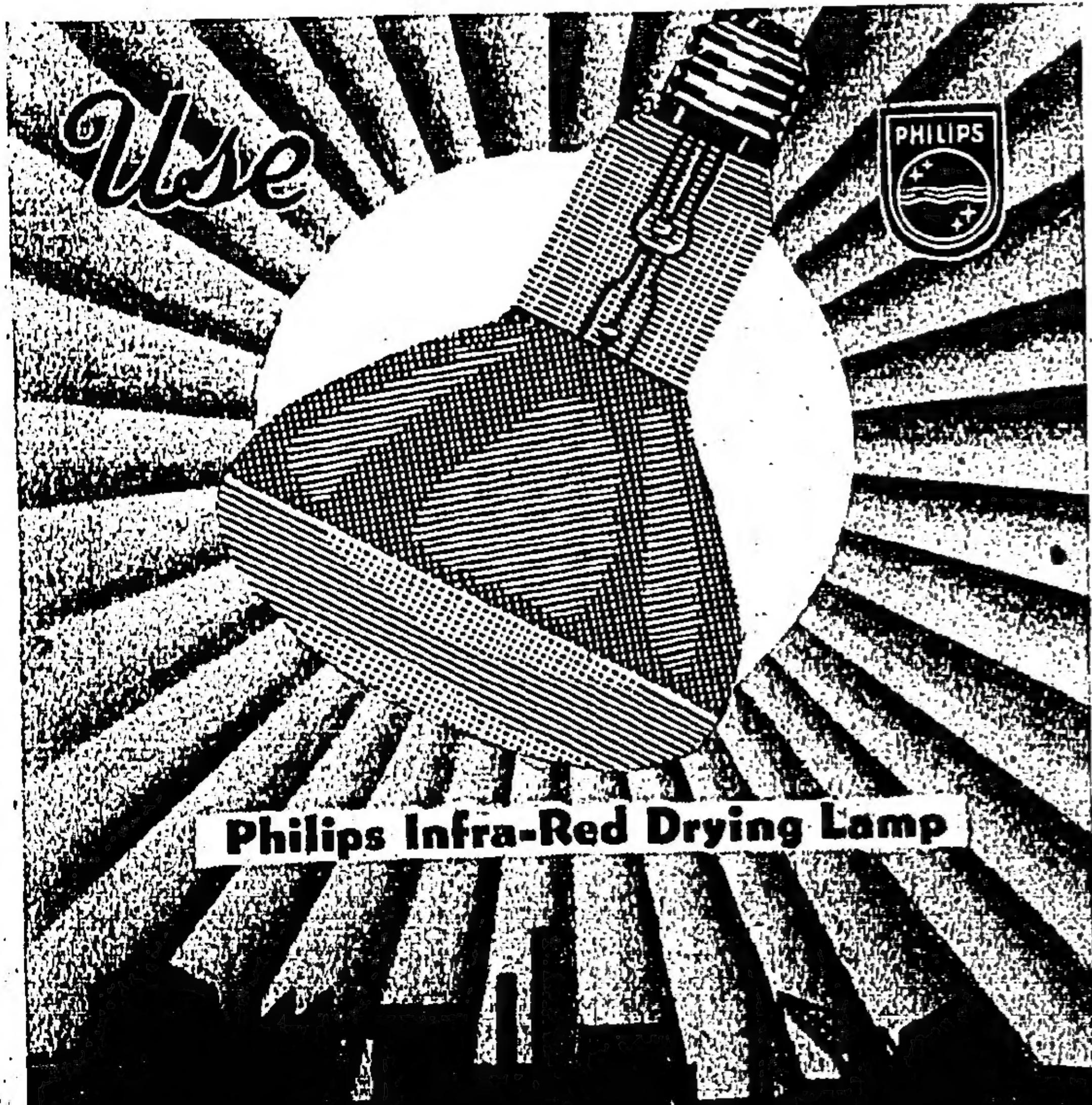
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New Process Of Drying Evolved

With the method of drying in the sun, as still frequently used, the heat is transferred for the greater part through radiation. In industry, however, one cannot be dependent on the sun's rays, the seasons, the time of day, cloudiness, so that artificial sources of heat, such as ovens, have to be applied.

During recent years a simple irradiator has been put on the market which has led to the development of a drying technique in which the transference of heat takes place almost exclusively through radiation.

It is well known that the radiation of heat is in essence wave movement in the ether just like radio-waves, light-rays and X-rays, which differ principally only in their wavelengths. In their order of wavelength, starting with the longest, we first have the radio-waves, then the heat-rays—both invisible to the eye—and finally the light rays.

The light rays of the longest wavelength are red and immediately above these visible rays, on the order of wavelength, are invisible red rays, called "infra-red" which belong to the heat waves. In modern science this group of infra-red rays is divided into longwave and shortwave rays.

Because of a difference in their properties, it has been found that the infra-rays of "short" wavelength, those closest to the light waves, are far more favourable than those of the higher wavelength. If therefore it is desired to penetrate certain substances with heat rays, we have to use the infra-red rays of short wavelength because the longer heat waves become absorbed on the surface of the substance, there being no "depth effect".

Specially Studied

Philips Infra-red lamps are lamps of 250W supplied for mains from 100 to 250 Volt and filled with gas of which the characteristics have been especially studied for this particular purpose, of quicker and more economical drying. The lamps are supplied with a bayonet cap or with a screw cap.

The Philips Drying Lamps emit Infra-Red rays, the maximum energy of which is radiated at a wavelength of between 1,300 and 1,400 Angstrom units, exhaustive research having proved this wavelength to be the most efficient for all drying purposes. The heat is developed by a filament glowing at such a temperature as to emit

Its applications are manifold:—
1. In the textile industry—for drying textiles in the various processes of manufacture, as well as for drying finished fabrics. It has been proved that the Infra-red rays do not affect the dyes or the quality of the fabrics.

2. For preserving Aircraft and other delicate instruments.

3. In the motor car industry—already applied on a cast scale for drying and baking lacquers on objects of any size, from the smallest part to complete motor cars.

4. In the leather industry—for drying sheets of leather in various stages of processing and the finished products. Also for drying after gluing.

5. In photography—for drying films in combination with ventilation. There is only a slight temperature elevation and drying is done very quickly: 600 metres 35 mm film per hour with 10 drying lamps 2½ kw.

6. For biscuit and rusk baking. The product gains in taste, colour and lightness, and the maximum of hygienic conditions is maintained.

7. In the manufacture of paints.

8. For wood drying.

Speed Of New Fighter

The experimental Beryl-Meteor twin-jet fighter has climbed to a height of seven-and-a-half miles in seven-and-a-half minutes. In the first minute it climbed two miles, in a minute-and-a-half it was nearly three miles high, and in three minutes it had climbed five miles.

According to expert opinion this performance gives assurance that Britain has the resolve and the technical skill to reduce the advantage of the 600 m.p.h. bombers which are about to go into service with many air forces, including Britain's Royal Air Force.

Another British aeronautical event, achieved since the start of the year, is the successful first flight of the Armstrong Siddeley gas turbine, "Phantom" engines. Flights were made with them fitted in a Lancaster bomber which is being used as a "flying test bed". The two engines, each of which develops nearly 4,000 shaft h.p., were fitted in the outer port and starboard nacelles while two of the normal Rolls-Royce "Merlin" engines were retained in the inner nacelles. The first flight was of 40 minutes' duration during which the engines behaved perfectly.

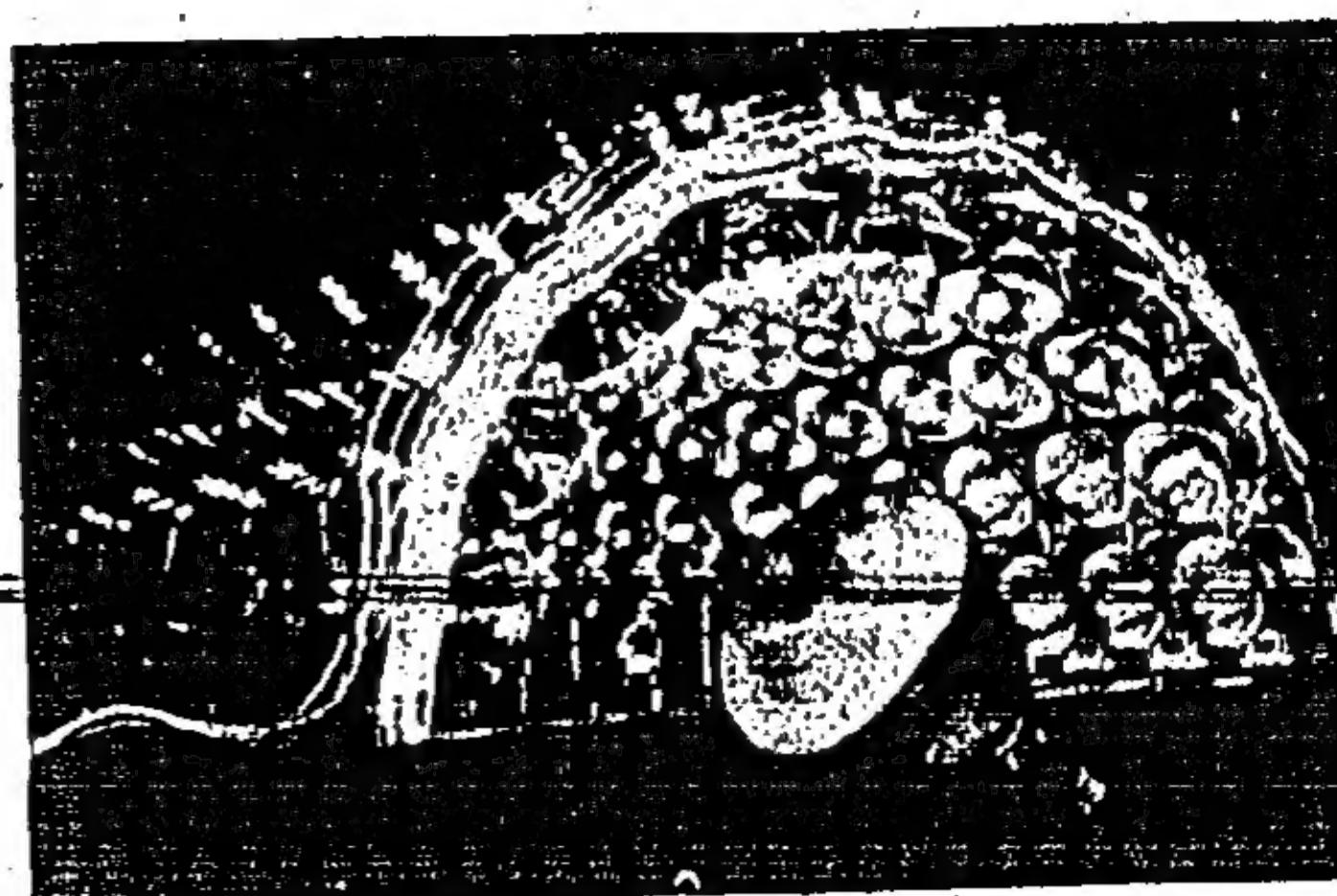


ILLUSTRATION OF A TUNNEL WITH PHILIPS INFRA-RED DRYING LAMPS.

Radio Equipment Exports Growing

Exports of United Kingdom radio communication equipment, navigational aids and industrial electronic apparatus were doubled in 1948, the estimated figure exceeding £3 million as compared with £1.5 million in 1947. In addition the indirect exports amounted to a further £2 million.

The original direct export target for 1948 was £2.55 million, this later being increased to £3.00 and to £3.3 for 1949. In giving these figures at the annual meeting of Britain's Radio Communication and Electronic Engineering Association, the chairman, Mr. L. T. Hinton, said: "If present conditions continue, there is little doubt that we shall reach our 1949 target".

Referring to navigational aids, Mr. Hinton stated: "By the end

Insulated Cables In Wide Use

New types of mineral-insulated cables are now being made in Britain and the standard form, which is finding a wide variety of applications, comprises a copper sheath containing magnesium oxide and one, two, three or more single strand copper conductors embedded in the insulating material. The process of manufacture is very interesting.

A heavy gauge copper tube is loaded with preformed blocks of white magnesium oxide, in which the requisite number of axial holes has been left in the course of manufacture. The magnesium oxide is dehydrated in high temperature ovens and fitted into the tube while still hot.

The copper bars which eventually will form the conductors are then inserted into the holes and the whole assembly is gradually lengthened by successive draughts until it assumes the final diameter and length. Because of

the great ductility of copper this process produces an entirely uniform cable in which the insulated conductors are spaced within the internal bore and never found to deviate from their proper locations. There is thus no danger of any of the conductors being displaced towards the outer circumference of the insulation and developing an incipient failure. The current-carrying capacity of this type of cable is outstanding as compared size for size with other systems; for instance a mineral-insulated conductor of 0.007 square-inch cross section will carry 45 amperes while a similar conductor of vulcanized India-rubber in conduit or paper-insulated lead-covered cable and the weight of an installation is much less than that of lead-covered material.

In aircraft and marine work these properties may be of great value.

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It is already largely used in inflammable atmospheres in such places as oil refineries, chemical works, and the like.

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of the year the number of ships equipped with British commercial radar as distinct from adapted war-time equipment was about 300 and in 1949 we ought to be able to equip more than a ship a day. The British 3-centimetre ship radar sets, conforming to the Ministry of Transport's very exacting specification, are now coming into production in increasing quantity. This equipment and our harbour and ferry radar installations—the first in the world—which came into operational use during the year and have already proved their value in fog, will demonstrate, we believe, that Britain still holds the lead in radar".

The annual report of the Association, which is one of the constituent bodies of the Radio Industry Council, states that the year has been notable for the extent to which the Association has co-operated with Government departments, subjects dealt with including research and long-term development, standardisation of components, safety of life at sea, training of radar operators, specifications for "business radio", the promotion of television transmission equipment as an

export, increased use of British aviation radio equipment, and for air control and air radio development generally.

The National Radio Exhibition ("Radiolympia"), to be held at Olympia, London, from September 28 to October 8, will be the exhibition at which the products of the Association will be most fully represented and should be of particular interest to engineers and official representatives from many overseas countries who are invited to communicate with the Association at 59 Russell Square, London, W.C.1, for further particulars.

Meanwhile, much that is new in United Kingdom radar equipment will be demonstrated at the British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 2 to May 13.)

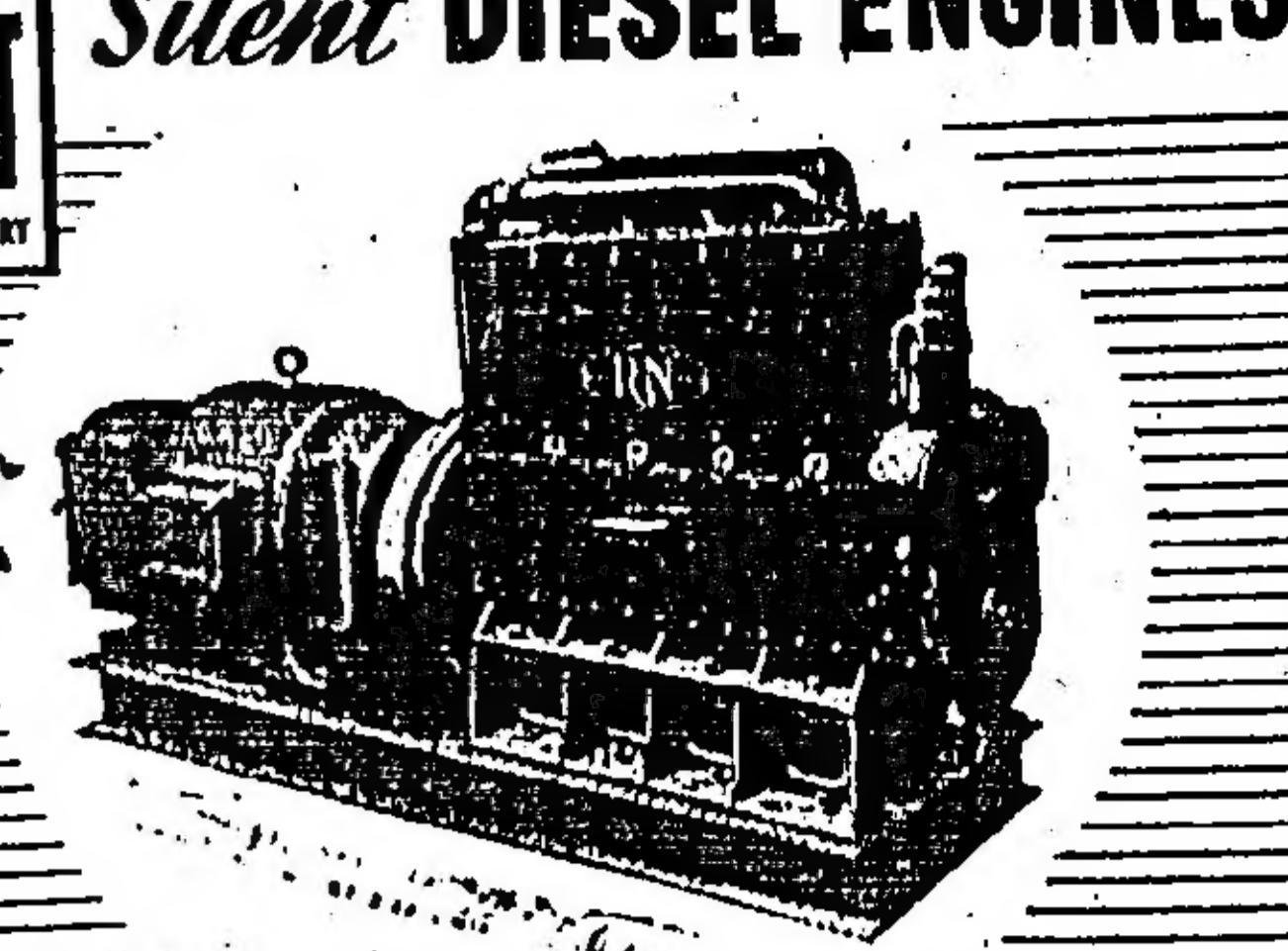
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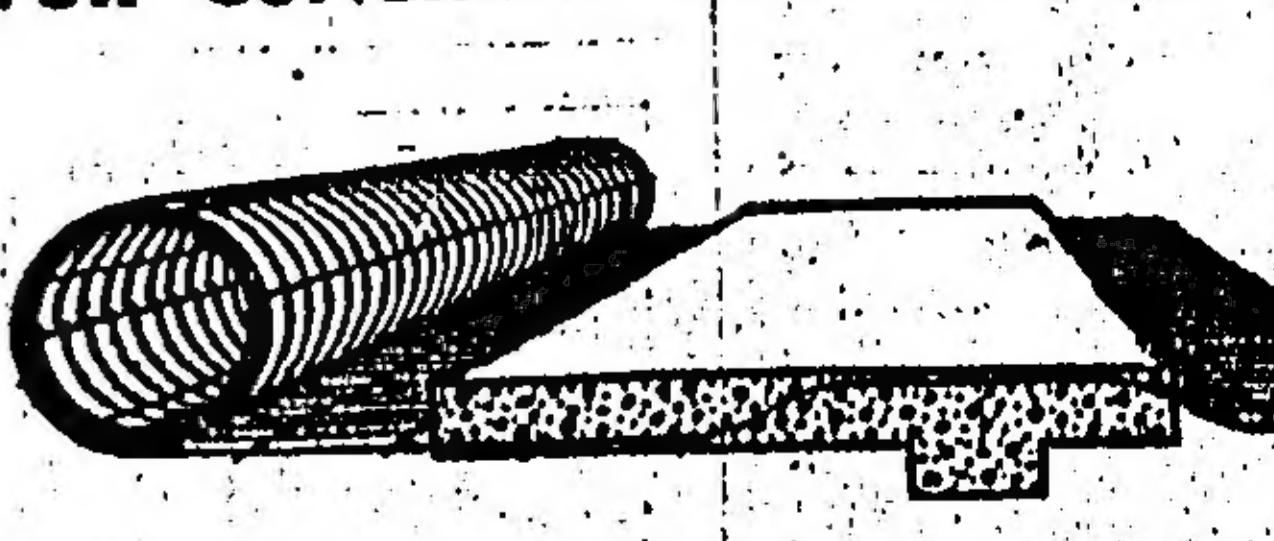
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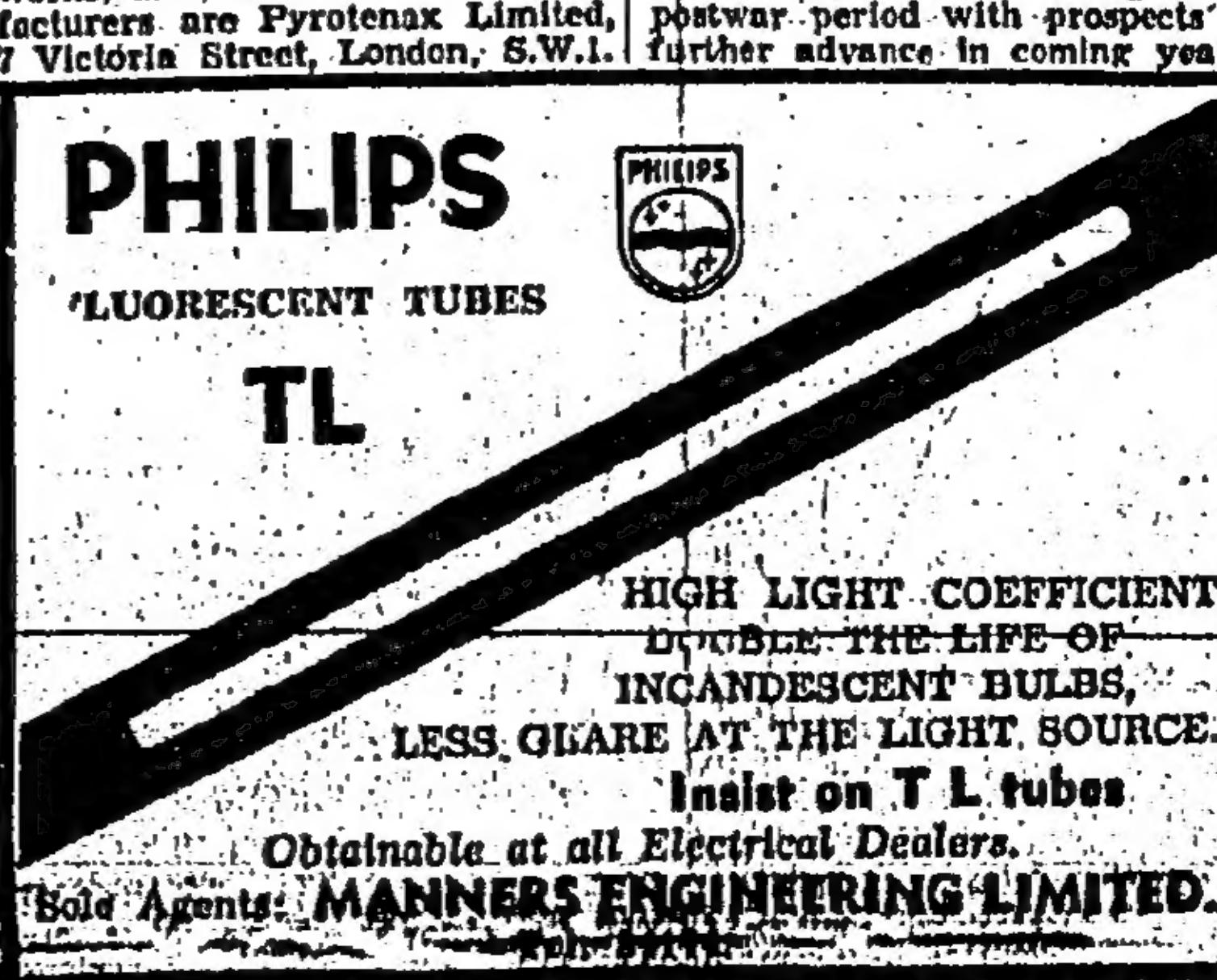
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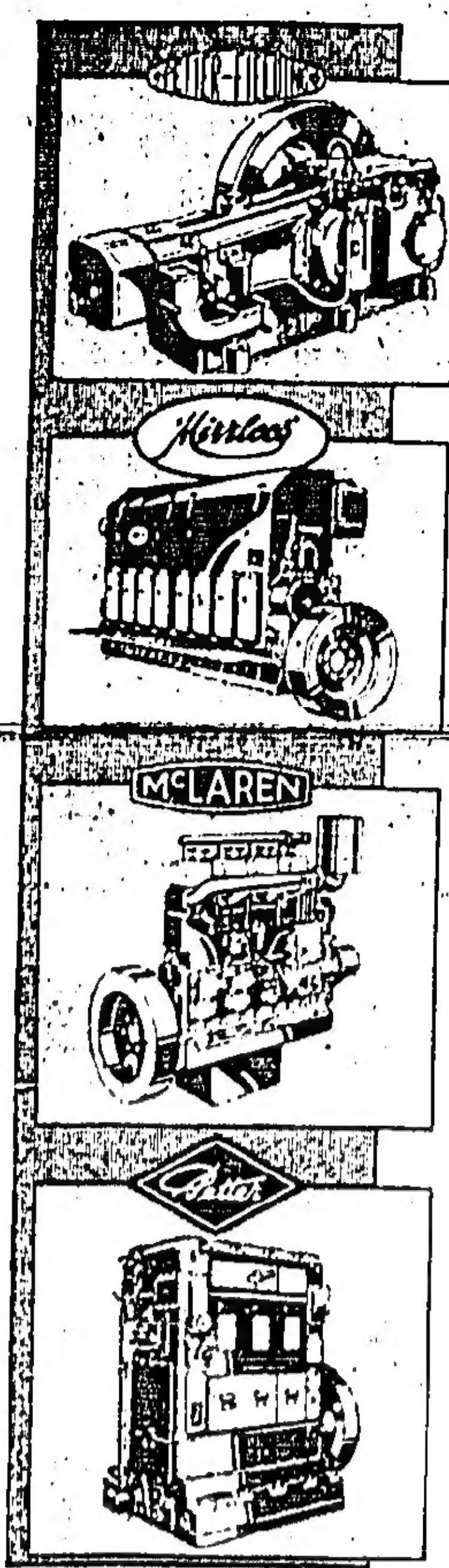
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LAPHAM ON FUTURE OF HELP TO CHINA

Washington, March 2.

Roger Lapham, Economic Co-operation Administration chief for China, told a press conference yesterday that things in China have gone from bad to worse from the Nationalist standpoint.

"The Reds can move Southward across the Yangtse whenever they want to, without experiencing much military opposition. Most Chinese are tired of war and want peace."

Mr. Lapham declined to speculate on the future of the Kuomintang and the National government.

He emphasized, however, that the ECA should work on there with "the present programme of consumption goods assistance as long as we can operate in non-Communist areas."

Mr. Lapham also said Chiang Kai-shek continues to take a very active interest in what is going on. He declined, however, to comment on whether the Generalissimo might re-enter the Government.

Mr. Lapham considers the future of affairs in China utterly fluid.

"I feel I have been guessing ever since I went to China," he asserted, "and the prospects are that we shall have to continue that way."

Commenting on reports that Senator Patrick McCarran had said he recommended to a Congressional Committee US\$240,000 yearly ECA programme for China henceforth, Mr. Lapham said:

"That figure came up during the hearing, but no recommendation has yet been made."

He added that he hoped such a recommendation would be made very soon. He indicated that the present ECA programme in China is likely to cost about US\$20,000,000 monthly.

Concerning future operations in China, Mr. Lapham said:

"I should like to see Congress authorise the President and the

JAPANESE LEAD MALAYA BANDITS

Kuala Lumpur, March 1. British troops, in a combined air and land operation, have arrested more than 100 suspected bandits said to be led by Japanese in Pahang State, 35 miles East of Kuala Lumpur.

Two companies of the 1st Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment, combining in the biggest-ever air attack on bandits eight miles

Plot To Blow Up Shipping

Savona, March 1. Five Jews, including a girl, are being held by the Savona police in connection with an alleged plot to blow up shipping at Verezze, near here.

Three of them were detained last week when a car, carrying bombs, was stopped in Verezze, where several torpedo boats are being built for Arab States.

Their names, announced by the police today, are Joseph Bror, who is of Israeli nationality, and Giuliano Bava and Francesco Zanoni, both of Milan.

Later, the police detained two more Italian Jews, Boris Levio and Benedetto Natulonparu. The police believe that the five belong to a terrorist gang, which may also have intended an attack on the big ship Star of Egypt, which put into Savona two weeks ago.—Reuter.

The informer said five Japanese officers were in charge of the camp, which contained more than 110 armed Chinese, Malay and Indian bandits.

The informer claimed that the bandits had Japanese anti-aircraft guns, which had fired on a British plane, and three Japanese field guns hidden in the jungle with many rifles, Sten and Bren guns, grenades and large stocks of ammunition.—Reuter.

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Tomorrow, 5,000 Marines and 4,000 soldiers will swarm ashore in a mock invasion.

Another dummy atom bomb will drop over the fleet off Vieques Island. It will possibly be timed to explode under water to judge the effectiveness of the Navy's experimental measures against atom bombs.

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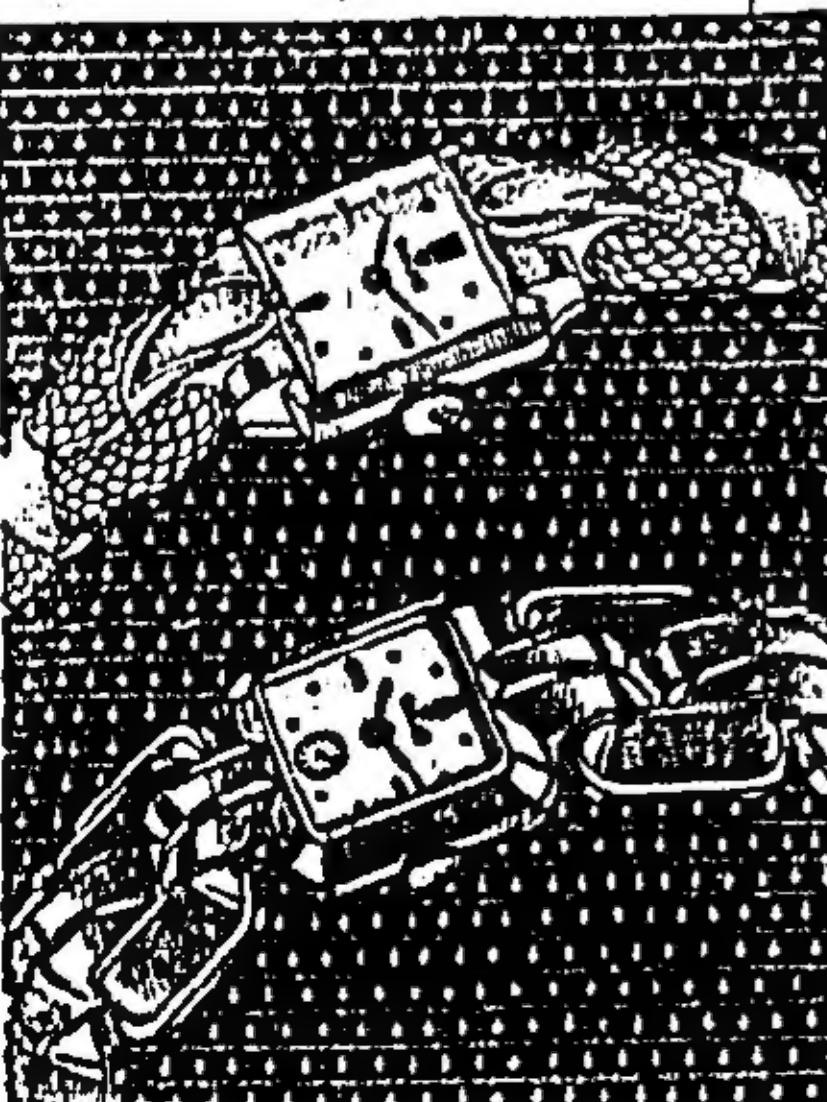
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HK Witnesses At Tokyo Rose Trial

San Francisco, March 2. Several Hong Kong residents are witnesses in the trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino ("Tokyo Rose") so the case should be heard in the British Colony.

This contention was put forward today by Mrs. d'Aquino's counsel in the Federal Court here.

Mrs. d'Aquino is alleged to have made wartime propaganda broadcasts from Radio Tokyo. Popularly known as "Tokyo Rose," she is being tried on treason charges.

Witnesses from Hong Kong are said to include Thaddeus d'Aquino, a Portuguese, and John Holland, a Briton.

Other witnesses include British, French, Danish, Portuguese,

ERP GOODS: METHOD OF SHIPMENT

Washington, March 1. The House Merchant Marine Committee today approved legislation to require the shipping of at least 50 per cent of all American aid goods in American vessels.

The legislation, objected to by the foreign aid chief, Mr. Paul Hoffman, will affect all American-financed goods shipped from the United States to foreign countries and between two foreign countries. It will require the use of American vessels for at least 50 per cent of the cargo shipped to each participating country. The 50 per cent is based on both tonnage and revenue.

No date has been set. The trial has been held up by pending arguments on motions.—United Press.

44 Witnesses

General MacArthur's name was included together with that of his chief of intelligence, Major-General Charles Willoughby, and 42 other military and civilian witnesses whom the defense counsel wants to testify for Mrs. d'Aquino, charged with "entertaining" American troops in the Pacific with wartime broadcasts.

The motions will be argued on March 7 before the Federal District Judge, Michael Roche.

The Army has already revealed that one of the chief prosecution witnesses will be Major Wallace Ince, American officer who helped prepare scripts for Mrs. d'Aquino when she was one of six women broadcasting under the "Tokyo Rose" label from Japan.

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CO-RESPONDENT WAS DE GAULLE

London, March 1. Roger de Gaulle, described in court as the nephew of General Charles de Gaulle, was cited today as co-respondent in a divorce suit.

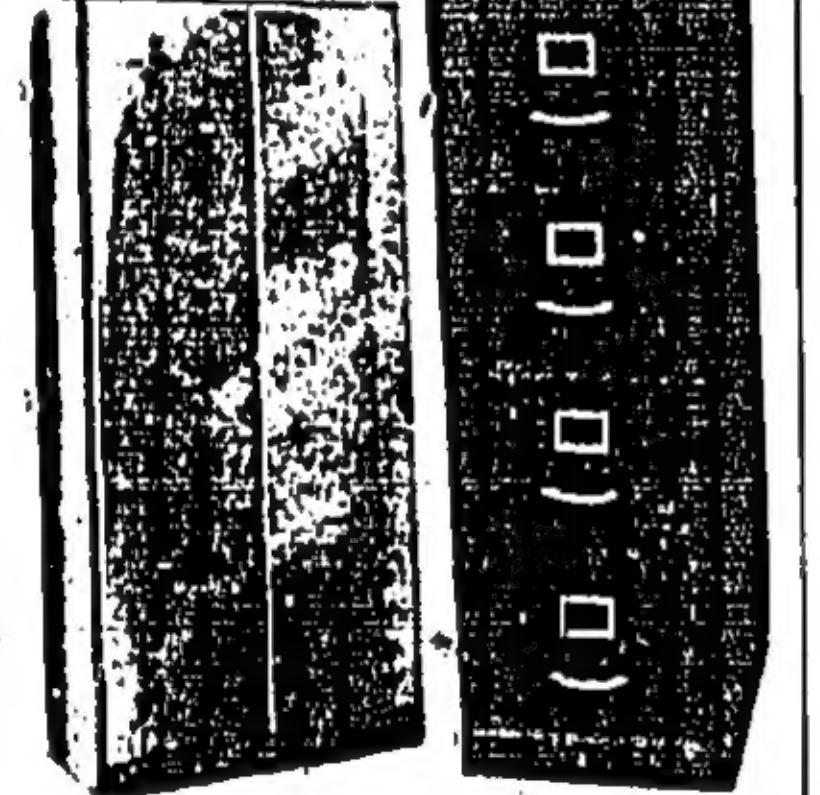
Henry Joseph Roper of London received a divorce from Mrs. Madeline Roper on the charge that Mrs. Roper had committed adultery with de Gaulle.

Mrs. Roper denied the charge. De Gaulle, who is said to be in North Africa, filed no answer.—Associated Press.

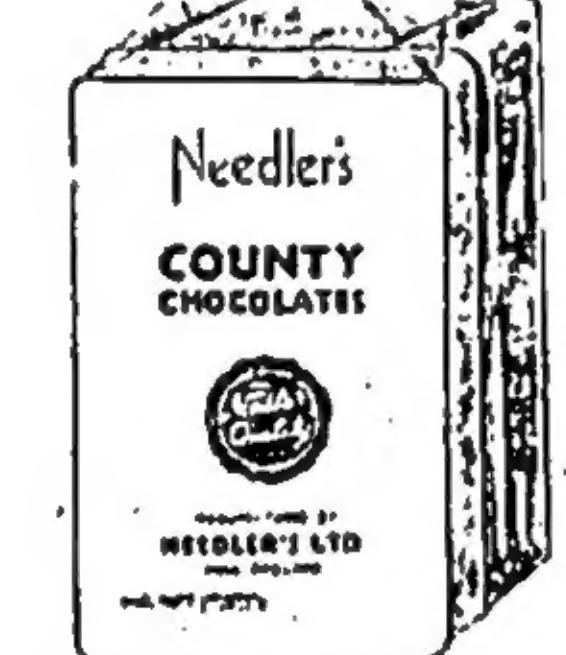
Originally, Mr. Hoffman said he thought it was his duty to ship foreign aid cargo as cheaply as possible to have more money left for goods and commodities.

American shippers complained, however, that higher labour and operating costs make it impossible for them to compete with foreign shippers.—United Press.

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Canton Unhappy At Wuchow Re-Opening

Canton, March 2. While Hong Kong shipping circles have given, as a whole, a favourable reception to the Government's announcement that Wuchow, port on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border, will be opened to foreign shipping and trade, a majority of shipping firms here are not too happy over the decision.

They fear Hong Kong shipping competition may have adverse effects on local shippers servicing the Canton-Wuchow route. At present the river service is serviced by tow-boats, carrying both cargoes and passengers.

If Hong Kong shippers enter the West River trade, these tow-boats will have to compete with medium-sized motor or steam ships, offering safety for both passengers and cargo.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PACT BLOW AT REDS

Washington, March 1. The North Atlantic Pact is expected to provide for assistance to the Western European nations to resist aggression from within—such as Communist subversive activities.

This provision will be additional to the key terms of the Alliance—resistance to any aggression on member States.

Communist activities will be included in both the terms of the treaty and in determining the distribution of military supplies, legislation for which is now being drafted in the State Department.

The North Atlantic Pact will thus follow the precedent set by the Rio Treaty for mutual defence in the Western Hemisphere. The Rio Treaty provides that the organ of consultation set up by the treaty shall consider appropriate collective measures whenever a peace-threatening situation arises other than by a direct attack.

An article dealing with this was included in the present draft of the North Atlantic treaty.

The officials now drafting the legislation necessary to authorise the military aid programme appear convinced that the United States will not only have to provide supplies needed to resist an armed attack but also to assist in resisting the Communist infiltration denounced by President Truman when he inaugurated the programme of economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey.

Earlier today, the representatives of seven nations—the United States, Canada and the five Brussels Pact powers, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—met at the State Department to work out the final draft of the security pact.

Attending the drafting session were Mr. Dean Acheson, the US Secretary of State, and the Ambassadors of the countries concerned.

The treaty, if approved and signed, will commit each of the member countries, including the United States, to regard an attack on any of the members as an attack on itself and take action to resist the aggressor.

Reuter.

On the level?

Singapore, March 1. Seventeen British subjects were among 142 "undesirable" persons banished today by the Malayan Government.

The British subjects had been convicted by the Courts since the beginning of the year.—Associated Press.

Siam Rounds Up Plot Suspects

Bangkok, March 1. The police today continued to hunt suspects in the plot to overthrow the Government by force. The official list of arrested persons includes two Chinese, but the majority are Siamese civilians.

New arrests include the Lord Mayor of Bangkok and two former Ministers of the Thamrong Government.

Officials said the plotters had expected an easy victory such as was won in previous coups, but had underestimated Government readiness. The Navy is not implicated.

The dead include the CID police chief, Colonel Banpong Cheepensuk, who was deposed in the November 1947 coup, and Major Phon Indarat, member of the Free Thai movement.

A reliable source said that due to the naval casualties suffered through military action in other incidents, the Navy, which deems itself jointly responsible for national peace, made a number of suggestions to the Government.

Back To Normal

The Navy Commander, Rear-Admiral Luang Singhu, sent a representative to confer with the Government, presumably to elaborate the Navy's viewpoint.

The Cabinet is now using the Army's anti-aircraft division headquarters as a meeting place.

The Premier, Phibun Songkram, announced today that the situation in Siam is back to normal.

Over the week-end, army and navy personnel, fired on each other in clashes which caused 100 casualties.—United Press and Associated Press.

MALAYA DEPORTS UNDESIRABLES

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VIOLENT CIRCLE IN JAPAN

Washington, March 2. American planners for Japan are looking to the private traders of the world to break the vicious circle around Japan's deficiency economy.

The circle is the nation's present inability to import and fabricate sufficient exports to overcome its vital food and other shortages.

In the minds of authorities here the belief is growing that inter-governmental trading may play an important part in Japan's recovery, but that the final move that will take the nation to a self-supporting level will be given by the private businessman.

There are many steps involved in accomplishing this simply stated role of the businessman, say the Washington planners.

It ranges all the way from getting the Yen on a single exchange basis, making sure Japan has plenty of raw materials to fabricate, to allowing Japanese businessmen to go abroad to sell goods.

The planners also realise that the war-born enmity of other Oriental peoples toward the Japanese is an additional obstacle Japan will have to overcome in at least a fair degree in her re-industrialisation programme.—Associated Press.

Harriman At Foreign Office

London, March 1. Mr. Averell Harriman, Murray Hill Ambassador-at-Large, who arrived here by air from Paris today, called on Mr. Ernest Bevin at the Foreign Office this morning, accompanied by the American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss the United States plan to exempt 167 German factories from dismantling.

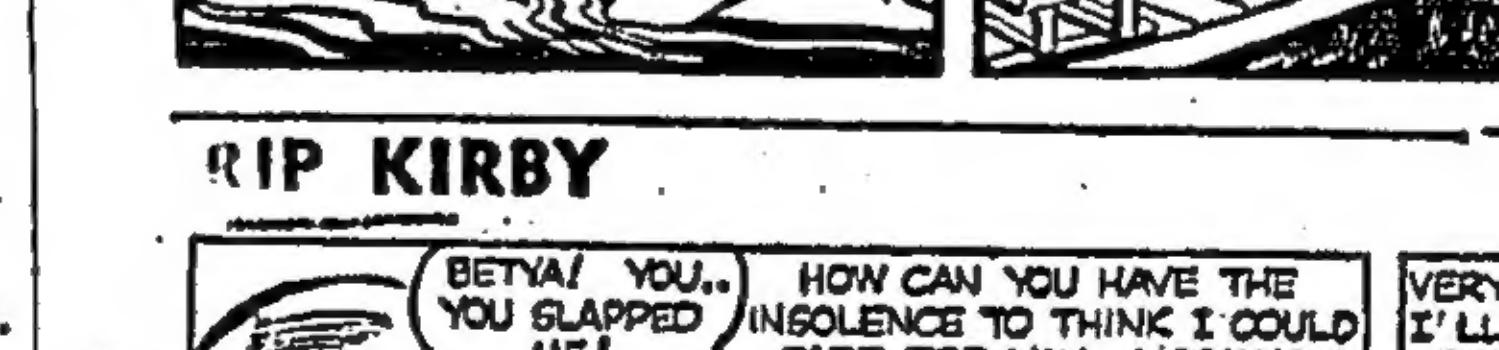
Britain has refused to negotiate on this plan unless agreement is reached on a revised list of West German prohibited industries.

Mr. Harriman also discussed during his visit Congress criticism arising from the recent statement by Mr. Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, on Britain's economic recovery.—Reuter.

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MAYHEW STATEMENT
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Key Post
Forecast

Lake Success, March 1.
Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, is likely to be appointed United Nations Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir.

Mr. Bedell Smith recently submitted his resignation to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, but it has not yet been officially accepted.

His appointment as an Administrator in Kashmir would, in effect, be in a private capacity and not as a member of the United States Government's service.

A final decision on the appointment is expected to be announced within the next few days.

Consultations have been going on between the United Nations Kashmir Commission and the Governments of India and Pakistan.

It is confidently expected here that Mr. Bedell Smith will head the list of names now being considered for this key post.

Now 54 years old, General Bedell Smith made the Army his career. His last important military post was as Chief of Staff to General Dwight Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander during the last war. Reuter.

The Mayhew statement had another sequel today—in the House of Commons. The statement by Mr. Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs—that Britain is now in sight of complete economic independence—was vigorously attacked by the Opposition.

Mr. Mayhew's statement (made in the United States last week) was described by Tory speakers as having had a bewildering and deplorable effect.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, a former Colonial Secretary, said that had it not been for the prompt repudiation of Mr. Mayhew's statement by Sir Stafford Cripps,

which, taken quite apart from their context, may cause difficulties. Over a period of years, I have known them made by Ministers on all sides of the House.

"I suggest it would not be wise to pursue the matter."

Mr. George Strauss, Conservative Member for Birmingham, had seen the statement of Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, that Mr. Mayhew had blurted out the truth at the wrong moment.

"Do you share that view and the implication that the truth should not be told by Ministers in the United States?" Mr. Strauss asked. The Prime Minister replied that he had nothing to add to his full statement.

Mr. Adam McKinley, Labour, said that if the report of what Mr. Mayhew said is as accurate as the report of what Mr. McNeil said, then it is a travesty, utilised to do the Government as much harm as possible.

No Risks

As Mr. Attlee made no comment on this, Mr. Stanley asked if it is suggested that Mr. McNeil did not make the statement attributed to him in the press.

The Prime Minister replied: "It depends very much on the context and the accuracy of the reporting. As I understand it, whatever was said by the Minister was supposed to have been at a private meeting, and I regret it has been reported."

Mr. Stanley asked the Prime Minister for an assurance that Ministers will feel that it is never good taking risks with the truth. Mr. Attlee retorted that there is no question of that.

"No Minister will take risks with the truth," he added.

He added that there was no opportunity for the Ambassador to be consulted about Mr. Mayhew's statement before it was made, because the matter arose during a debate.—Reuter.

Japanese "Purge"
Being Relaxed

Washington, March 2.
The United States is relaxing its three year old "purge" rules for Japan.

These rules have automatically barred thousands of Japanese from public life.

A formal directive to General Douglas MacArthur will permit the re-examination of many junior Army officers and smaller officials to see whether they should be given clean bills.

This directive is one of two sent to General MacArthur recently by the Joint Chiefs of Staff—the military heads of the Army, Navy and Air Force—and submitted to the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission, the advisory agency on occupation policy.

The other directive is said to call for a review of an earlier order which decentralised Japanese police forces.

General MacArthur was consulted in advance on both moves.

They fit in with the developing American stress on restoring Japan's economic and political life in order to lessen the former enemy country's dependency on American supplies.

A purge of Japanese wartime officials and military leaders has been in effect for more than three years. General MacArthur issued a detailed order on January 4, 1946, based on the Potsdam Big Three declaration that there must be eliminated for all time the authority and influence of those who have deceived, and misled the people of Japan into embarking on world conquests.

Under the new directive individuals in some of the classes may be re-examined to determine whether their war roles were merely routine.

The Japanese police organisation was decentralised by General MacArthur's order in the early days of the occupation.

The idea was to break up the tight totalitarian system of control which the Japanese had set up before Pearl Harbour.

Officials who told of the decision to review this policy said the big question now is whether the Japanese police can cope with large scale Communist or other disorders.—Associated Press.

Arriving here on another towing mission, the ocean-going tug Sea Lynx brought the Liberty ship, Juan de Fuca, which had aboard two motor launches.

The Sea Lynx had brought several ships for the Hong Kong Shipping Company during the past few months. Most of the vessels towed in are being scrapped.

Some are being repaired.

The 113-ton tug came from Shanghai. She is due to leave today.

FINED FOR
HITTING CHILD

At Kowloon yesterday, a married woman was fined \$250 for assaulting a child under 18 years of age.

She was additionally fined \$50 for bringing the child into the colony without notifying the Secretary of Chinese Affairs. The woman was Wong Po-ying, aged 32, of 94 Fook Wah Street.

The court was told that the defendant had struck her relative, Lam Teh-cheng, with a piece of fire wood when Lam told tales about her.

Lam was brought into the colony by the defendant on December 2, 1947, without notifying the Secretary of Chinese Affairs.

A LOT OF TROUBLE
FOR \$3.40

A highway robbery in the New Territories last night netted two robbers the small sum of \$3.40. Shortly before 8 p.m., two women were walking home after visiting some friends when near the Tsui Kung Temple in Kam Tin they encountered two robbers one of whom was armed with a revolver.

The robbers held up the women and relieved them of the money and then escaped in the direction of Tai Po and Tsui Wan.

REMANDED

On the application of Detective Sub-Inspector J. Moore, a case concerning Yung Koon-kau, aged 48, an accountant of No. 71 Des Voeux Road West, first floor, charged with signing a false return furnished under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947, was remanded for one week by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Mr. V. L. D'Alton is appearing for the defence. Defendant is on bail of \$30,000; half in cash and half in surety.

Wife Stabbed
By Husband

Manila, March 2.
Mrs. Rosa Bevila Alvero, 69, prominent educator and social worker, was stabbed in the abdomen yesterday by her husband, Emilio Alvero, 65, and is hovering between life and death.

Alvero, a building contractor, surrendered to the police in Quezon City, where the Alveros live. He admitted the stabbing, but refused to give a reason.

The Alveros had been estranged for many years, but recently were apparently reconciled. Mrs. Alvero, founder of a college for girls, was taken to the University of Santo Tomas Hospital, where she underwent an emergency operation.—United

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Charlton Play Cup Holders In Best Match Of Week

(By 'ALCYDES')

CRC's Pair Wins Net Encounter

A gruelling three-set game between the RAF pair J. S. Birne and A. J. Doyle and CRC's Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-nit featured yesterday's Colony Championship Open Doubles games, at the Cricket Club.

Two contrasting types of play were witnessed, with sheer steadieness of the Chinese pair carrying the day.

Birne and Doyle were the more aggressive and dominated play at various stages, with deadly over-head smashes, passing volleys and low-serves. Their final brilliance, however, was overshadowed by the great number of errors which should have earned them some valuable points.

An and Lee ran through the first set conceding only one game, placing their shots with accuracy rather than speed.

The second set saw Birne in the limelight when his fast service began to find their mark. Doyle gave able support at the net with some terrific overhand smashes, to break through the Au-Lee defence after 4-all and 6-all had been called.

The Chinese pair immediately took the lead of the first two games in the second set.

Doyle came into his own just then with his overhead smashes to enable them to break through Lee's service and reduce their deficit to 2-1.

Birne served his way to 2-all in the next game, and the score mounted up evenly until 4-all was called. Au then dropped a critical service game to let the RAF pair take the lead.

With Doyle serving, the latter went to a 40-30 lead, but a misc to an easy kill at the net followed by two double faults in succession by him became the turning point of the match, the next two games going to Lee and Au just before time was called by the umpire.

Yesterday's games were also noteworthy in that creditable performances were given by two grand veterans of the court, 62-year-old Daniel Chan, and M.W. Lo, a former Colony Singles champion.

Chan found the pace set by Stokes and Segalen a little too fast for him, but Lo, in partnership with Heenan, had the better of their younger opponents.

FULL SCORES:
L.F. Stokes and R. Segalen beat Daniel Chan and M.L. Chan, 6-2, 7-5.

J. L. C. Pearce and Fitzroy Williams beat C.H. Wiglesworth and D. Nolan, 7-5, 8-6.

M. Heenan and M.W. Lo beat F.A. Fisher and Capt. R.W. Macbeth, 6-0, 6-1.

N. Lo and D. Lo beat Albert Chan and Lawrence Chan, 7-5, 6-4.

Lee Boon-sing and T.T. Chen beat Peter M.F.U. and C. Lau, 6-1, 6-4.

Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-kit beat J. S. Birne and A.J. Doyle, 6-1, 6-8, 7-5.

Today's Games

HKCC Club Singles Championship

Court 1: W.G.D. Cooper vs. B.T.M. Jones.
Court 2: G.S. Coxhead vs. P.H. Banmer.
Court 3: A. Furrer vs. G.H. Wiglesworth.
Court 4: G.A. Lemay vs. Dr. H. Meyer.
Court 5: H.J. Armstrong vs. R. Segalen.
Court 6: J.D. Mackie vs. J. Barlow.

Umpires:

L.F. Stokes, C.W.L. Way,
J.B. Bradbury, J.E. Kite, and B. Deacon.

Mrs. Haig Wins Ladies' Title

The final of the Ladies Golf Championship played on the Old Course at Fanling on Tuesday, March 1, was won by Mrs. J. Haig by three and one.

Mrs. Haig has played for Wales on several occasions. She was round in '85 and showed very good form particularly off the tee.

Her opponent Mrs. S. Bone is also a seasoned golfer in the County Class and played a very nice game but failed to make use of the few opportunities given her.

Bunkers were popular throughout the game and it was not a day for putts to drop.

The Bronze division final was also played and resulted in a win for Miss D.M. Cuthbertson who beat Miss A.E. Lissaman by two and one after a close struggle.

With all last Saturday's Cup Matches decided, league football comes back into its own once again and a full programme is provided. Undoubtedly the match of the week will be at the Valley, where Charlton and Manchester United do battle. The latter will be striving to get those much needed points if they still wish to retain an interest in league honours.

Last season saw the United take full points both at home and away, but Charlton are a different proposition this season, and a door struggle should do battle. The latter will be striving to get those much needed points if they still wish to retain an interest in league honours.

Another game worthy of mention this week is the Rothwell-Darlington clash. With two teams so evenly matched I should plump for a draw here. Forecasts for matches being played on March 5:

DIVISION I

BIRMINGHAM v Bolton
Burnley v ARSENAL
Charlton v Manchester U.
CHELSEA v Liverpool
Everton v Blackpool

MANCHESTER C. v Sheffield U.
Middlesbrough v WOLVES

NEWCASTLE v Sunderland

Portsmouth v Aston Villa

Preston v DENBY COUNTY

STOKE v Huddersfield

DIVISION II

BRENTFORD v Queens Park R.

Burnley v Plymouth

CHESTERFIELD v Notts Forest

Coventry v SOUTHAMPTON

Leeds United v BRADFORD

LEICESTER v Luton

LINCOLN v Grimsby

SHEFFIELD W. v Barnsley

TOTTENHAM v Cardiff

West Brom. v Fulham

WEST HAM v Blackburn

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

BRENTMOUGH v Southend

BRISTOL ROVERS v Swindon

CRYSTAL P. v Aldershot

IPSWICH v Tipton

NEWPORT v Leyton O.

Notts County v Norwich

READING v Millwall

SWANSEA v Port Vale

TORQUAY v Bristol City

Walsall v Exeter

Watford v BRIGHTON

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington v Rochdale

Barrow v Crewe

Bradford City v CARLISLE

DONCASTER v Gateshead

HALIFAX v Stockport

HULL v Hartlepools

MANSFIELD v Southport

Oldham v New Brighton

ROTHERHAM v Darlington

TRANMERE v Chester

WREXHAM v York

Tennis Fixtures

Tennis fixtures for the week beginning March 7 are as follows:

MONDAY

Court 1: B. T. M. Jones v Tsui Yen-pui.

Court 2: Lee Wal-tong v F. M. Ribeiro.

Court 3: T. J. Ouwendau v Ho Kai-iu.

Court 4: J. S. Birne v J. B. Haworth.

Court 5: Roch Leung v Molan Chan.

Court 6: D. Nolan v Choy Tin-wah.

TUESDAY

Court 1: R. Segalen v P. Poon.

Court 2: T. E. Baker v Wong Siu-ki.

Court 3: K. H. Ip v Lee Yue-wing.

Court 4: H. Ayres v G. Chen.

Court 5: Lee Boon-sing v F. V. Harrison.

Court 6: P. V. Sellers v Tsui Yen-pui.

WEDNESDAY

Court 1: 3rd round of 3rd quarter. (Open Singles).

Court 2: 3rd round of 4th quarter. (Open Singles).

Court 3: 3rd round of 5th quarter. (Open Singles).

Court 4: 3rd round of 6th quarter. (Open Singles).

Court 5: G. S. Coxhead v E. H. Williams. (Club Handicap Singles).

Court 6: N. C. Begley v A. T. Dow. (Club Handicap Singles).

THURSDAY

Court 1: Ho Kd-lau, and Pang Ollam v Lee Wal-tong and K. H. Ip.

Court 2: D. J. Leonard and L. F. de Souza v Tsui Brothers.

Court 3: 2nd round 3rd quarter (Club Singles).

Court 4: 2nd round of 4th quarter (Club Singles).

Court 5: 2nd round of 5th quarter (Club Singles).

Court 6: W. Slover v J. Barlow. (Handicap Singles).

FRIDAY

Court 1: 3rd round of 1st quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 2: 3rd round of 2nd quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 3: 3rd round of 3rd quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 4: 3rd round of 4th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 5: 3rd round of 5th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 6: 3rd round of 6th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 7: 3rd round of 7th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 8: 3rd round of 8th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 9: 3rd round of 9th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 10: 3rd round of 10th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 11: 3rd round of 11th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 12: 3rd round of 12th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 13: 3rd round of 13th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 14: 3rd round of 14th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 15: 3rd round of 15th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 16: 3rd round of 16th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 17: 3rd round of 17th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 18: 3rd round of 18th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 19: 3rd round of 19th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 20: 3rd round of 20th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 21: 3rd round of 21st quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 22: 3rd round of 22nd quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 23: 3rd round of 23rd quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 24: 3rd round of 24th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 25: 3rd round of 25th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 26: 3rd round of 26th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 27: 3rd round of 27th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 28: 3rd round of 28th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 29: 3rd round of 29th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 30: 3rd round of 30th quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 31: 3rd round of 31st quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 32: 3rd round of 32nd quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 33: 3rd round of 33rd quarter (Open Doubles).

Court 34: 3rd round of 34th quarter (Open Doubles).